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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HOUSE SPEAKER ALBERT TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. SPEAKER CARL ALBERT'S THREE-DAY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA (APRIL 17 - 19 WENT WELL. HE MET SEPARATELY WITH KING KHALID, CROWN PRINCE FAHD, AND PRINCE ABDULLAH, SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND HEAD OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL GUARD. PROPOSED MEETING WITH MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN DID NOT TAKE PLACE. MEETINGS WENT WELL, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. BOTH KING AND CROWN PRINCE PRAISED WARMTH OF SAUDI-US RELATIONS AND EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT CLOSE TIES WITH US WERE KEYSTONE OF SAUDI FOREIGN POLICY. REFERENCES TO ANY PROBLEMS IN US-ARAB RELATIONS IN GENERAL WERE POLITELY AVOIDED.

2. SPEAKER ALBERT'S VISIT CONCLUDED WITH A MEETING WITH PRINCE ABDULLAH, HEAD OF NATIONAL GUARD AND THIRD-RANKING SAUDI. DISCUSSION CENTERED AGAIN ON GENERAL US-SAUDI RELATIONSHIP WITHOUT GOING INTO MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE.

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3. MEDIA COVERAGE OF ALBERT'S VISIT WAS POSITIVE AND
BROAD. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE VISIT WAS RELAXED AND
CORDIAL.
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